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JAPANESE CRAB MOTHERSHIPS

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1. AGREEMENT OF GOJ TO PLACE ONLY ONE US OBSERVER ABOARD ONE CRAB MOTHERSHIP IS NOT REPEAT NOT SATISFACTORY RESPONSE FROM US POINT OF VIEW. EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS DURING NOVEMBER NEGOTIATIONS OF ENFORCEMENT OF PROVISIONS OF CRAB AGREEMENT AND UNILATERAL NOTE FROM JAPAN ON THIS SUBJECT LEFT US REPRESENTATIVES WITH CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT GOJ WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO TRULY EFFECTIVE OBSERVATION OF ENFORCEMENT. EFFECTIVE OBSERVATION WILL REQUIRE TWO OBSERVERS ON EACH OF TWO MOTHERSHIPS. OBVIOUSLY ONLY ONE OBSERVER ON ONE MOTHERSHIP COULD NOT EFFECTIVELY OBSERVE ENFORCEMENT OF OVERALL PROVISIONS REGARDING QUOTAS AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT. WE WOULD BE LEFT WITH SAME SITUATION AS EXISTED UNDER PREVIOUS AGREEMENT WHICH NOVEMBER MEETING FOUND UNSATISFACTORY.

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2. US CRAB FISHERMEN AND INDUSTRY ALREADY CONCERNED ABOUT FACT THAT JAPANESE CRAB EXPEDITIONS HAVE BEEN ON GROUNDS SINCE EARLY MARCH WITHOUT ANY US OBSERVATION OF NUMBERS OF CRABS BEING TAKEN OR OTHER DETAILS OF OPERATION. WE FEAR THAT KNOWLEDGE OF THIS VERY LIMITED RESPONSE OF GOJ TO OUR REQUEST WILL LEAD TO REAL OUTCRY IN ALASKA, ESPECIALLY SINCE WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALASKA BOARD OF FISH AND GAME WILL APPLY QUOTA FOR US KING CRAB FISHERY IN BERING SEA. SUCH REACTION WOULD NOT BE IN INTERESTS OF EITHER GOVT WITH RESPECT TO COOPERATIVE FISHERY RELATION-SHIPS IN NORTH PACIFIC.

3. DEPARTMENT CALLED IN MATSUOKA OF LOCAL EMBASSY TODAY AND MADE ABOVE POINTS TO HIM POINTING OUT OF COURSE THAT OUR INFORMATION CAME FROM UNOFFICIAL RESPONSE AND THAT WE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED OFFICIAL REPLY. WE URGED THAT RESPONSE ON US OBSERVERS BE RECONSIDERED AND EXPRESSED HOPE THIS COULD BE DONE AND MORE FAVORABLE REPLY FORMULATED PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF FORMAL REPLY FROM FONOFF SINCE IT MIGHT TAKE MORE TIME TO GET OFFICIAL REPLY MODIFIED AFTER DELIVERY.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE SIMILAR POINTS AS ABOVE TO APPROPRIATE GOJ OFFICIALS ASAP. ROGERS

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